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SUBJ: COMMENDATION FOR DATT COLONEL BILL B. FORSMAN

AND DAO.

PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER FROM THE
AMBASSADOR

1. I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING TO YOUR PERSONAL
ATTENTION THE TRULY OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MY DATT,
COL BILL B. FROSMAN, USAF, TO THE WORK OF THE EMBASSY.

2. PRIOR TO OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES OCT 6, THE OFFICE OF THE
DEFENSE ATTACHE, UNDER LEADERSHIP OF COL FORSMAN, WAS ALREADY
PERFORMING CONSISTENTLY IN MANNER SO AS TO MAXIMIZE ITS
CONTRIBUTION TO WORK OF THIS EMBASSY. SINCE OCT 6, COL FORSMAN
HAS ACHIEVED ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE GOAL OF MAINTAINING PREVIOUS
CONSISTENTLY HIGH QUALITY OF NORMAL WORK OF HIS OFFICE
WHILE ASSUMING FAR GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES IMPOSED BY NEW
SITUATION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE OFFICE OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE
MADE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS ON GROUND HERE FOR MOUNTING OF AIRLIFT
IN NEAR RECORD TIME; DUE VARIETY OF CIRCUMSTANCES, COL FORSMAN
WAS ACTUALLY OPERATIONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR AIRLIFT DURING
FIRST 72 HOURS ITS EXISTENCE. ALSO, COL FORSMAN'S PERSONAL
EFFORTS HAVE GREATLY FACILITATED IMPORTANT WORK OF VARIOUS
DOD TEAMS WHICH HAVE VISITED ISRAEL IN RECENT WEEKS. I WISH
TO PARTICULARLY NOTE IN THIS RESPECT HIS EFFORTS CONTRIBUTING
TO SUCCESS OF USMEVTI UNDER GEN CASEY AND GRID FLOW TEAM UNDER
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COL LA FON. AS CONCERNS WAR, DURING THIS ENTIRE PERIOD

COL FORSMAN WAS UNTIRING IN HIS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT
USG WAS PROVIDED TIMELY AND ACCURATE MILITARY INFORMATION.
HE WAS EXTRAORDINARILY SUCCESSFUL IN THIS MISSION WHICH WAS
AND IS CRUCIAL TO THE MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS CONFRONTING THE
USG IN THE MID EAST.

3. THE FOREGOING LIST OF NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IS INTENDED TO
BE ILLUSTRATIVE RATHER THAN ALL INCLUSIVE. IT SHOULD, HOWEVER,
SERVE CLEARLY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT COL FORSMAN AND HIS OFFICE
HAVE PERFORMED IN A MANNER THMROUGHLY CONSISTENT WITH THE
HIGH STANDARDS AND FINEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES
ARMED FORCES.
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